

REMARKS

Claim 1-12 are pending. The Office Action dated June 4, 2004 in this Application has been carefully considered. The above amendments and the following remarks are presented in a sincere attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. Claim 1 has been amended in this Response. Claims 7, 11, and 12 have been withdrawn from consideration in a previous Response. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, and 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,606 by Logue et al. ("Logue"). Insofar as they may be applied against the Claims, these rejections are deemed overcome.

Rejected independent Claim 1 as now amended more particularly recites one of the distinguishing characteristics of the present invention, namely, "a first central processing unit (CPU) configured for processing automation control signals *and configured for receiving telemetry data.*" (Emphasis added.) Support for this Amendment can be found, among other places, paragraphs [0023] and [0024] of the original Application.

Logue does not suggest, teach, or disclose the utilization of telemetry data. Specifically, Logue is directed to accessing database information over a computer network. The present invention of Claim 1, though, allows for database access over a computer network, but also allows for telemetry data to be uploaded. For example, limit/proximity switch status, object position, pressure, and temperature of devices can be directed uploaded. By allowing for the usage of telemetry data, customers can more easily access correct information even without customer troubleshooting or analysis. Therefore, the efficiency of the ACM for information is greater than that of Logue.

In view of the foregoing, it is apparent that the cited reference does not disclose, teach or suggest the unique combination now recited in amended Claim 1. Applicants therefore submit that amended Claim 1 is clearly and precisely distinguishable over the cited reference in a patentable sense, and is therefore allowable over this reference and the remaining references of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of amended Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Logue be withdrawn and that Claim 1 be allowed.

Claims 3-4, 6, and 8-10 depend on and further limit Claim 1. Hence, for at least the aforementioned reasons, these Claims would be deemed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of dependent Claims 3-4, 6, and 8-10 also be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Logue and U.S. Patent No. 6,557,026 by Stephens et al. ("Stephens"). Insofar as they may be applied against the Claims, these rejections are deemed overcome.

Claims 2 and 5 depend on and further limit Claim 1. Hence, for at least the aforementioned reasons, these Claims would be deemed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of dependent Claims 2 and 5 also be withdrawn.

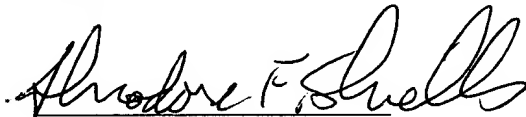
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-6 and 8-10.

Applicant requests an extension of time for response within the second month and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the required fee (\$430.00) to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP. Applicant does not believe that any other fees are due; however, in the event that any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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